

AUBURN ARTS COMMISSION

Auburn Civic Center, Room 10, Auburn, CA 95603

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Chair Louise Burda Gilbert

A quorum was declared. Those present: Aloha Baumgarten, Louise Burda Gilbert, Sue Dings, Mary Beauchamp, Marti Niles, Lee Buckingham, Kristin Aplin. Guests: City Manager, Bob Richardson.

Minutes of September 8th, 2009 were accepted.

Project Reports: Art in Public Places

Streetscape project: Bob Richardson described the plans for the 11- member Streetscape History and Art Advisory committee. There is one seat reserved for the Arts Commission. Three members of the Commission indicated they were interested in filling that position. Each candidate gave a brief statement of her qualifications and why she wanted to serve on this ad hoc Committee. Consensus was to choose one representative and a back-up who would attend as a member of the public to assure complete participation on the committee by the Arts Commission.. Bob said this would be acceptable. Secret ballots were cast, and counted by a non-candidate. Louise Gilbert received the most votes to serve as the Arts Commission representative. Marti Niles was elected the back up representative.. Bob emphasized that many voices would be heard and considered in the designing of the Streetscape project. He said the estimated time for a final decision/report from the ad hoc committee is July, 2010.

Elks Club wall mural: Bob reported there has been no progress on the installation of the mural by Patrick Shields due to issues with Cal Trans.

Dancing Dog mural: This mural which has been recommended by the Arts Commission, but not yet accepted by the City Council, will be included in the Streetscape ad hoc Committee's consideration

Art Walk Music: Sue reported the last Art Walk of this year included music by the "Stardust Cowboys" at the Clock Tower and "Farm Fresh", a Bluegrass band, in Old Town. The Old Town merchants have been very supportive of the music provided at the Art Walks.

City Hall Gallery: Aloha, Mariko Leonard & the artist hosted the Gallery reception for the Art Walk. Thien Dao's ceramic sculptures will remain in the gallery until the end of October. Mariko will no longer serve as a volunteer after November.

Guide to Public Art Brochure: Marti reported she has restocked the Public Art Brochures in Old Town businesses. Kristin is planning to restock/distribute the brochures in downtown Auburn.

New Business: The City Clerk's office received nine applications for seats on the Auburn Arts Commission, including four from current members. The consensus vote of the whole Commission was to recommend the re-appointment of Louise Burda Gilbert, Aloha Baumgarten, Marti Niles and Mary Beauchamp. All Commissioners expressed their opinions that it was important to have continuity in the Commission while working on the Streetscape project. The four current members being recommended are knowledgeable and have already researched & interviewed potential artists. One vacancy remains for the Commission and City Council to consider. Two possible interview dates were proposed for Commissioners to meet & interview the five new applicants for this seat. Louise will call them and arrange a time for their interview. Room 10 has been reserved for this purpose.

Correspondence: Mayor Mike Holmes received a request from Tom Grayson, Exec. Dir. of Golden Life Skills to display a mural celebrating 100 years of Father's Day in August 2010. Mike asked Bridget to bring it to the AAC's attention. The mosaic picture is 4'X 5', weighing about 60 lbs. Before responding, Commissioners would like to clarify the scope of the Mr. Grayson's request. He asked the City to "house" the mural with a Father's Day proclamation. Mayor Holmes mentioned displaying it for a month. Louise will call Mr. Grayson to determine whether his request is to have the mural displayed permanently or temporarily. This will be on next month's agenda.

Public Comment: none

Meeting adjourned: at 9:15 a.m.

Submitted by Sue Dings, Secretary

Next Meeting: Tuesday, **November 10, 8:00 a.m. Room 10**

